IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

**CHARLESTON DIVISION** 

IN RE: ETHICON, INC.

PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEMS

PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL 2327

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO CASES

IDENTIFIED ON EXHIBIT A

**SHOW CAUSE ORDER** 

In the cases on Exhibit A, the following defendants remain: Ethicon, Inc., Ethicon, LLC

and/or Johnson & Johnson (collectively "Ethicon defendants"). The plaintiffs in the cases on

Exhibit A are all represented by counsel who have moved to withdraw because plaintiffs failed to

communicate with them despite multiple attempts. The court has not ruled on these motions to

withdraw. Presumably because of plaintiffs' lack of contact with their counsel, plaintiffs appear

not to have complied with all of the important deadlines in applicable Pretrial Orders, such as

appearing for their deposition, producing a plaintiff fact sheet, responding to discovery and/or

disclosing experts. Such failures resulted in motions to dismiss or for summary judgment filed by

the Ethicon defendants.

It appears to the court that despite plaintiffs' counsel's efforts, the Exhibit A plaintiffs

themselves no longer wish to pursue their actions. The court **ORDERS** that plaintiffs on Exhibit

A show cause in their individual cases on or before November 23, 2020, as to why the Ethicon

defendants should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute pursuant to Rule 41(b) of the Federal

Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 41.1 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. If plaintiffs do not

respond to this show cause order with a showing of good cause in their individual case, their case will be dismissed without prejudice.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and any unrepresented party in the cases on Exhibit A.

ENTER: / October 23, 2020

ØSEPH R. GOODWI

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

## Exhibit A

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Case Number	Name	First Name	Defendants Named
2:13-cv-05132	Majzel	Nina	Ethicon, Inc., Johnson & Johnson
2:13-cv-13818	Clanton	Brandie	Ethicon, Inc., Ethicon, LLC, Johnson & Johnson
2:13-cv-15778	Gomez	Leslie Lee	Ethicon, Inc., Ethicon, LLC, Johnson & Johnson
2:13-cv-18733	Ayala	Maria Dalia	Ethicon, Inc., Ethicon, LLC, Johnson & Johnson
		Esther	
2:14-cv-00480	Lomax	Beatriz	Ethicon, Inc., Ethicon, LLC, Johnson & Johnson